

Putting a price on internet communication is unnecessary, unreasonable, and unfair to users. It destroys the very meaning of "FREE speech" and "OPEN networking". There's a reason why Facebook doesn't like the idea of us paying for social media, or why Google is against us being charged for our search for answers: it takes away our internet freedom! Do you seriously want us to accept websites blacking out; tweets, email, and social media being sabotaged; or YouTube usage being charged with ridiculous fees nobody will be willing to pay, thereby turning the most successful video-sharing website into a digital wasteland? Not to mention that NOBODY will have ANY sense of privacy in anything they do, should Net Neutrality be shut down, because ISPs will be watching everything we say and do (as if the NSA's efforts weren't annoying enough). Listen to the people: let the internet stay the way it is. Nothing is broken, except for the minds of those who are trying to demolish everything that Net Neutrality stands for.

—Marshall Ragsdale, Santee, CA

The Internet is not a luxury, but a necessity in today's world. Having a fast, unbiased internet allows a person to do research and reach a accurate decision, interact with others (I am disabled and some days my only contact with people other than my wife is via the internet), and have multiple viewpoints on the news and current events. All data and all individuals need the same speed and access to information and entertainment. The Internet is replacing the phone and deserves/requires a public utility status. Steps should be taken to ensure access and speed (The USA has among the slowest speeds among developed countries), and eliminate data caps and over-age charges. Thank you.

—Michael Watson, Hickory, NC

FCC - throw out these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. We need to protect REAL net neutrality. Don't bring class/wealth based hierarchy to the internet. Protect our freedom of accessing public information.

—Kim, Englewood, CO

it is one of the few things in our lives that put us on equal footing with the richer people, more connected people, people who pay to play in this world. With equal for all internet, my children have a much better chance of succeeding in this world. it provides them an education on any topic they choose. It provides them with the information about the world around them. It provides them information about those that are in power, those that wish to be in power and the international stage. Mega-corporations don't need one more single handout from us average but struggling middle class. They have enough. You have enough. You don't need more.

—Lisa, Austin, TX

Above the space where I'm typing a it states, "...tell the FCC why Net Neutrality is important to you:" -To me, the average Jane - and I sincerely hope by the time this comment has been registered that there is not one person at the FCC who DOESN'T know the answer to that without even asking, particularly Chairman Tom Wheeler. I do not favor a two tiered Internet with less of everything allowed because of a persons inability to pay. ISP are not and SHOULD NEVER BE common carriers! This is an idea based in greed, and it will not prove to be good for this country's citizens - individual educations in particular, which are the foundation of our very future. To implement this change is both selfish and short-sighted. Another example of profit for the few being more important the the well-being of an entire country and it's future status in the world. Keep the internet neutral or you are also selfish and short-sighted, and no patriot as well.

—Jan Rose, Portland, OR

Preserving net neutrality is extremely important for our democracy and economy. I find it disappointing this is even a debate our government is considering.

—Elizabeth Payne, San Francisco, CA

Don't let the corporations influence your decision. Please do what is best for the people!

—Stephanie Smith, Lakewood, WA

Most internet content providers cannot compete financially with verizon and other wealthy corporations who would benefit from "fast lanes." The livelihood of a vast number of Americans, myself included, depends upon the prompt, reliable service of independent websites, search engines and other online content. Please don't fuck us all over.

—Rheanna Haaland, Minneapolis, MN

Cable is more or less a luxury. There's a reason as to why modern cable companies have paid their way to monopoly status. The internet, however, is more important. I'd even argue that it's a necessity. Hell, I'm a college student and I'm assigned online homework on a regular basis. Moreover, I'm not new to the internet. I'm well aware of how companies grow and buy out other companies and how ISP monopolies allow customers to be discriminated against and throttled without control or regulation. I was vehemently against the passing of SOPA and PIPA and it's fucking infuriating that this bullshit isn't ending. Net Neutrality is important because it helps to preserve an open network for all ideas to be shared on equal footing. Anything else is fucking worthless. If the ruling passes that it's reasonable to establish a two-tiered internet, I can't say that I'm being represented in the slightest.

—Joshua Brown, Seattle, WA

This should not even be discussed. The Internet/bandwidth needs to be left open and free to be used by all companies on a level playing field. The Internet is NOT broken...and does not need government help breaking it. If the government wants to help fix the Internet then prevent the telecom companies from gouging us on Internet connectivity. It is sad that here in America we pay so much more for bandwidth than most foreign countries. Stop accepting the bribes from telecommunication companies and listen to the American people...the people you all have sworn to represent.

—Keynon Lannom, San Angelo, TX

I get nearly all of my unbiased accurate news on the web. I also take free online classes. I buy from small business vendors on the web. The demand for these types of services from the web will only go up. None of these websites should have to pay more for the same service. They will get crowded out by corporations that can afford to pay the fast lane ISPs. This violates everything the internet stands for.

—Chelsea Miller, Plymouth, MI

Net neutrality is absolutely vital to preserve a democratic society. To not preserve net neutrality would be to openly sell the control of information to the already rich and powerful. Our freedoms should not be for sale; many of us have been to war to preserve those freedoms, and many have died for them. Do not sell them to corporate interests.

—Richard Young, Albuquerque, NM

Because the Internet is a common space that should not be owned or manipulated by corporate entities.

—Matthew Richmond, Charlottesville, VA

FCC, I must admit I have little faith that you are truly listening to me or to anyone else taking our time to address this issue. It seems like such an easy question of preserving net neutrality or selling out to rich companies like Verizon and Comcast to destroy free speech on the internet. Please, please preserve a free and open internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you. Your children and grandchildren will either resent your lack of courage and commitment to free speech or respect your courage and unwillingness to cave into big business and the power they wield with their offers of money.

—Brian Anthony Kraemer, Chico, CA

We don't need corporations controlling the internet by charging extra fees for speed. It is time to throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Eddy Ridgeway, Paw Paw, WV

Freedom of Speech

—Liz Jackson, North Liberty, IA

Please allow for fair competition for the internet. A two-tiered internet would result in discrimination of the poor and allowing ISPs to discriminate against select online content. Please do not allow for net neutrality to end.

—Martin Reinsel, Seattle, WA

I'm not entirely sure if you've ever read George Orwell's 1984 but I'm going to assume you haven't if you are even considering the removal of Net Neutrality. For the sake of brevity, Net Neutrality is the embodiment of freedom that our nation stands for. We are not China or Iran or Pakistan, but if corporations are censoring our medias just like the governments of these aforementioned countries how does that set us a part from these countries which hold ideals so vastly different from our own. Net Neutrality isn't just important to me, it is possibly the most important and astoundingly wonderful thing in our world of instantly sharing information with others. Net Neutrality has brought dictators to their knees in the Arab Spring and lack of Net Neutrality has made sure oligarchical governments that stand against everything it means to be a democracy stay comfortably in place.

—Gabriel Gallagher, Denton, TX

The Internet was created with public funds. It is part of the commons and needs to be treated as a common carrier.

—Matt Markert, Marietta, GA

You are violating our constitutional rights! Net Neutrality is important to prevent bias between the rich and poor, its dangerous to not allow access equal to everyone!

—Kendra Zenteno, Memphis, TN

Net Neutrality is easy to obtain. Simply change the classification of the Internet to a Telecommunications Common Carrier. The Internet has become the Town Square for Democracy and keeping it Open and Free is essential to a Vibrant and Working Democracy!!!!

—Jerry Melton, Corvallis, OR

I'm against ending Net Neutrality. Please don't allow internet providers to create tiers of speed. Very bad idea.

—Carra Leslie Stasney, Portland, OR

The net is our right to free speech and should not be allowed to be taken over by corporations.

—Steve Cromwell, Aiea, HI

Please do the right thing. The internet is a public good, treat it as one. Maintain net neutrality. Thank you, Claud Gilbert

—Claud Gilbert, Portland, OR

Stop giving cable companies what they want. We the people demand Real Net Neutrality.

—Mr. Jaison Bechar, Spring, TX

I work at home over the internet. By allowing an ISP to have the right to slow my service down would destroy my income source. If ISP's were to be permitted to pick and chose who had faster speeds this would mean that they would hold power over smaller users. ISP's already have control over the price of speeds for end-users, to give them control over how fast information could reach the consumer seems unfair and overly restricting. It seems to me that by doing away with net neutrality we are giving more power to ISPs and less to the end users.

—Susan Cabany-Ward, Savannah, GA

Please stop this madness! Let's us keep our internet free from money grubbing companies that can't stand to see a buck go to waste!

—Julianne Restani, saint joseph, MN

The internet is a forum for the free exchange of ideas. By allowing ISPs to regulate which sites are given preference over others it allows them to control what information the public can access. The internet would no longer provide a neutral ground. Instead voice would be given to those with affluence and taken from those who have little. By allowing ISPs to treat data with bias it also sets a precedent by which these companies could suppress information. News outlets reporting negative stories of the various ISPs or their affiliates might suddenly experience a drop in bandwidth. If a company holds a political stance it could easily use its position to push politics on its users. Net neutrality must be maintained. All data is equal and needs to be treated as such.

—Steven Davis, Middletown, DE

We are already so far behind other countries in our average internet speeds. It's embarrassing! We're supposed to be the greatest nation in the world? I'm really starting to doubt it! I wish I wasn't just born with German blood. I wish I was born in Germany! Stop making the US suck! Do the right thing here FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT THE CORPORATIONS!

—Sarah Adams, Phoenix, AZ

Democracy needs free and fast access to all information. Our government agencies should not be in the business of making it more difficult for less wealthy groups to communicate with others by creating a so-called "fast lane" for wealthy businesses. Please demonstrate your commitment to Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Edward Potter, Mississippi State, MS

Because the Internet should be considered a public utility...

—Ted Voth Jr, Madison, WI

The internet is the virtual world of free speech and press, but now it is almost the ONLY place where speech isn't regulated. It's the medium that the people use to communicate and express themselves and limiting that for only certain people is another step AWAY from Democracy and what this country stands for. Read through some of those Amendments starting with the first one.

—Spencer, Madison, MS

Net Neutrality is important to me personally because slower internet to those who can't afford it isn't fair. Information should be shared equality

—BreAnne, Freehold, NJ

PROTECT REAL Net Neutrality!!!!!! NO two-tiered internet!!! I do NOT want it!

—Anji A., Verdugo City, CA

A two-tiered internet system reflects a two-tiered society. Ours is a democracy where all are supposed to be equal. This plan makes a mockery of that idea and a mockery of our method of government. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers now and prove that we do live in a democracy. Thank you.

—Robert Harris, Everett, WA

The Internet provides access to information to people from all over the world. Keeping it neutral is essential.

—Christine Fluor, Corona del Mar, CA

KEEP THE INTERNET FREE YOU SONS OF.....

—Mr. Jon McFarlane, Queens Village, NY

All citizens in a democracy should have equal opportunity to access information and to create new businesses without hiking up prices for speeds which are currently functioning at much slower and costlier rates than most foreign countries. The elimination of net neutrality is wrong and private industry should not be allowed to monopolize for even more profit and control.

—Mary Georgiton, Columbus, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect Net Neutrality.

—James Vollaro, Lake Elsinore, CA

Net neutrality is truly democracy in action. One of the few places--perhaps the only place left--that is not owned, controlled and monopolized by a few huge corporations. Please please please let us keep net neutrality. Please don't be pressured or bought out by money and greed.

—Carole Lee, Austin, TX

I believe that internet should remain the way it is. You should not allow major corporation to do what they want with it because they have the money to do so.

—Preston Wells, Enola, PA

Net neutrality is important because without it innovation is trampled and free speech is destroyed please reclassify isps as common carriers

—Micah Carreon, delta, CO

I have been waiting for the Internet all my life, and it would have solved my health problems years ago, if it had arrived earlier. It is great as it is. Net Neutrality works. The old system does not. Change it for something worse, and you will deeply regret it later. You and your family will suffer, not only me. Do all you can to make sure this does not happen. Keep the flame of Net Neutrality alive, and regain some respect for the US in the world. It is very low at the moment, and will go even lower, should you allow this precious gift to the world fall into the wrong hands. Keep the American dream alive.

—Robert Eversfield Manley Francis, MARLBOROUGH,

Tom Wheeler, Please throw out your rules against net neutrality and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Please don't destroy the internet as we know it.

—Adam Weeg, San Diego, CA

Do not segregate the internet; preserve net neutrality.

—Jacqueline J Szikszoy, Seattle, WA

I want Internet to be free of limits. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Piero Giorgi, United States, CA

The internet must remain unbridled.

—Maury Jackson, College Station, TX

Net neutrality is what makes the internet a potent force for democracy, and it supports small businesses.

—Noura Howell, Cary, NC

It's important for everyone!

—Anjane McGrath, San Clemente, CA

My wife works from home and my three members of our family go to school online to become a teacher, a public health professional, and a professional programmer with high end programs. Our grandchild, who lives with us, is home schooled and goes to many of his classrooms via the internet. He was physically attacked on several occasions at his local public school and fears returning to public schools. We do not make much money. Our home is an old one from the 1950's and still needs a lot of work. It was a foreclosure than someone who bought it resold to us just to get it off of his hands. Our incomes and our future livelihoods all revolve around the use of the internet. We pay Comcast for business class speeds because my wife, who is 50 years old and doesn't have many options for new jobs when a 20 year old who "has more talent", needs her job and needs her connection to her job to be stable and strong. We spend a good amount of free time on the internet as well. My wife uses facebook throughout the day to talk with her co-workers and family and friends that she cannot call on a day by day basis because of long distance fees, but social media like facebook, twitter, and even checking our bank accounts or our work schedules will become a nightmare and a fight to get through the lines if net neutrality ends. ISP's should be known as common carriers. I cannot say in any more emphasized terms: please do NOT end net neutrality by allowing FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to have his way and make the rich richer and forcing people who whose lives truly "require" fast speeds that we already pay huge amounts for in order to survive in todays business world. We and many people that we meet in our business lives are all giving up, or have given up in our case, cable and satellite television in favor of roku, and Netflix, and amazon.com internet feeds because we cannot afford television and internet so we give up our television shows and their ads and the messages they want us to hear, and the news, and channels like paid for television shows just to be able to afford the internet which we Need to work. Yes, our family also plays a lot over the internet too. Our son, who online games with approximately 30 of his friends on a nightly basis across several online games, sometimes 50 friends all playing with him at the same time; is an avid gamer and it is his release from daily work and school stress. It gives him the chance to "get away" for a while. I play online games with my grandson via two personal computers that we've had for years, a playstation 3, and a wii u. I sold the playstation 4 that my family bought me last year as a birthday present to pay some of the bills this month. If net neutrality is allowed to end, this will impact so many more facets of life for the people of the United States of America than most officials and business moguls seem to understand.

—Jeremy Miller, Savannah, GA

Please, no fast lane/ slow lane traffic on the internet we all deserve to keep it the way it is. Thank you Sue Bowser

—Sue Bowser, Coeur d' Alene, ID

Net Neutrality is fundamental to a future healthy democracy and economy. Without net neutrality people will not even bother to innovate because they'll know there's no way their ideas can compete (even if they're better) because the oligarchy will be too powerful.

—Hari S. Khalsa, Santa Cruz, NM

Large corporations are not the only things that have value. The internet should reflect this. There are already too many parts of life where money means the difference between preferential treatment and poor service. Money is not, and cannot be, the only factor determining a person's value.

—Ryan Moore, Effort, PA

We don't believe in a two-tiered system for the internet. Preserve net neutrality!

—Steven Ramels, Seattle, WA

Throw out your rules and, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. OR your showing blazon FASCISM!!!!!!!!!!

—Billy Daniels, c.b., IA

A free press is essential to a democracy. New Neutrality has ensured that new media and the digital world could be an arena where every member of the online community had equal standing. Net Neutrality ensures that we can have a democratic internet free from inequality and corporate interests. A free internet ensures that the American Dream can continue.

—Daniel Azneer, Safety Harbor, FL

Are we going to take away another free and very important thing from those who can't afford to pay? This is just wrong. Everyone - rich or poor - should have the same access. Throw out FCC's rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet ought to be as free as free speech.

—Carol V. Tolle, Everson, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because having equal access to EVERYTHING the internet has to offer allows for growth, new ideas, and knowledge to be spread. This is incredibly important considering how uneducated we, as a nation, have become compared to other first world countries. We must keep allowing the access to the internet and, thus, knowledge to be equal or face falling behind at an even greater rate.

—Lynn, Cedar Grove, NJ

Please leave the internet neutral! We have the right to have freedom from corporate influence. If we all function under the umbrella of those with the most money, our world will become an even darker and more limited place. It is often those without the means that have the most creativity to offer. Please keep the internet neutral!

—Tara, new Orleans, LA

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do the right thing for competition and the people whose interest you are here to protect.

—Paul Bennett, Long Beach, NY

"My unfettered access to the Internet is my access to the world; I need it for business, communication, shopping and entertainment... Without vital Net Neutrality protections, companies like Verizon and Comcast have a commercial incentive to muzzle my voice online. These companies should not have the power to determine my fate on the Internet."

—John Petty, New Windsor, MD

It's not broken. The playing field is even, Keep the internet the way it is.

—john Henbest, Calabasas, CA

Not classifying the primary communication infrastructure of the modern age as a common carrier infrastructure is ridiculous. Do it and protect commerce, expression, and invention, and not corporate greed.

—Peter Ballinger, ,

If you're reading these comments, stop. Think for yourself. Think for your children. The internet needs to remain free. This much is obvious and if you need convincing of that then you don't deserve to be in a position of responsibility for the people of this country.

—Jake, Austin, TX

Please stop kowtowing to corporate interests.

—Shona Taylor, Alameda, CA

FCC -- it is time to throw out your rules, and instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. The ability for anyone to access information freely without interference has been THE thing that has enabled technological innovation! Your rules would restrain development and innovation, as well as giving those with more \$\$\$ better, faster access. That is WRONG!! Already, the big providers 'slant' what you receive, based on previous searches. That is wrong!! If I put into a browser search the words, "macaroni and cheese," I should come up with the SAME results as you would, searching on the same terms. THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN. They alter the results, based on what they perceive to be your 'interests.' And that is WRONG! I say "Save Net Neutrality!!!" AND return to the practice of universal results that have not been tampered with! DO NOT allow big companies to 'slant' search results! Thank you for allowing this comment!!

—Katherine Miller, San Diego, CA

It shouldn't even be a possibility for you to decide. The Internet is worldwide. Do you want the US to slow down progressing while the rest of the world zips around?

—Abraham Lincoln, New York, NY

Because as a single female senior citizen I am as important as a huge corporation.

—Cristy Passman, Glendora, CA

Stop the monopoly! The internet was created for free speech, let it continue!

—Ana Cruz, Austin, TX

An indiscriminate internet equal to all participants is as fundamental to a citizen's life as is his or her right to basic services provided by the government. It is essential that Net Neutrality be preserved and protected from corporate "self-monitoring" and the appointment of the former head lobbyist for cable companies as the chairman of the FCC is a despicable, egregious offense to the American people.

—David Carrillo, Los Angeles, CA

As a small business owner/entrepreneur without net neutrality our business would have never succeeded. What we lacked in financial start up money was not a problem because we could succeed as legitimate competitors to companies that were 100 times larger and well funded due to net neutrality. The Internet is only great because of this. To ruin the Internet would be to destroy everything great that has occurred in the 21st century. Prior to the open Internet, we had to pay over \$500.00 a month just on an add in the phone book to advertise our small business. Due to the pay to play system the phone book advertising was, we finally had to stop as it just was not feasible a price to pay for the revenue we made. Now you threaten to do the same to the Internet. It is plain wrong and will hurt so many on so many levels that it cannot believe it is even an option.

—Amanda Fisher, Hilliard, OH

Don't think for one minute that you are fooling the American people. This has nothing to do with better service. It has everything to do with money. What the consumer pays and the companies collect.

—Sue Locicero, Pomona, NY

Your two-tiered plan would in effect create monopolies that will cripple smaller sites/businesses because the smaller sites are less likely to be able to afford the premiums to the "fast lanes" which in turn means they will have less exposure to customers. To make matters worse, the public will be denied access to merchants and information because the providers will be denied full access to their customers. Please do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet equally accessible to all.

—Marni Wiebe Keogh, Edmonds, WA

It is as important as water. It should be free and protected from profiteers.

—Christine Lund, Houston, TX

Cable companies charging more money for fast internet lanes to consumers to who already have them? No thanks!!! The internet should and must have net neutrality to stop these greedy companies from taking over our freedom on the internet!

—Arturo J. Briano, Bryan, TX

It is important to maintain net neutrality to preserve freedom of speech and the ability of all people and companies who wish to create content on the internet the same ability to obtain an audience as anyone else who puts content on the internet.

—Patrick Nash, Raynham, MA

Dearest FCC, I know I have asked you for many things in the past. And, I know that, even though you have never answered a single one of my prayers, I'm not supposed to think any less of you. So, I will try once more: Please enshrine and enforce Net Neutrality rules. I'm not sure what you require in return for this. I promise to eat all my vegetables, go to bed early, and do my homework. If I could take back all the wishes and prayers the past and trade them all in for this one, I would. I can't think of anything I've needed more. Wanted, yes; I want many things more than this, but I don't need any of them half as much.

—Paul DeStefano, Seattle, WA

It's not acceptable to allow companies to discriminate against money-poor content providers by setting up a two-tiered system to the detriment of all but the already-rich.

—Jacob Stai, Brule, WI

I'm tired of the growing inequality in the country, including being relegated to a second-tier business just because of the selfishness and sense of privilege of a bunch of greedy self-entitled parasites.

—Ellen McRae, San Juan Capistrano, CA

This country is supposed to be for all Americans not just the rich. An internet without net neutrality is yet one more way to price the those at the bottom third (perhaps more) of the income spectrum out of many services the rest of the population takes for granted.

—Nicole Gree, Shoreline, WA

The Internet is a land of digital capitalism. There MUST be free and open use for it to be competitive, innovative, and for new and exciting technologies to be developed and thrive. Open and neutral - where ALL users and providers are on the same playing field - is absolutely essential to keep the innovation, services, and content alive. Without this, the internet will be stifled and become a former shell of itself.

PLEASE ENACT REAL NET NEUTRALITY LAWS!

—Paul Craven, Salt Lake City, UT

PLEASE throw out the new proposed rules from chairman Wheeler and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—James Lam, Atlanta, GA

I depend on the Internet for information every day in my work in freelance editorial. My quality of life is so much higher since the advent of the Internet. Allowing corporations to monetize the Internet and slow down sites that can't pay the fees or which those companies disagree with would actually impact my work on a daily basis. Internet is a utility that we depend on for survival, and it should be regulated as such. There should not be any way possible for companies to slow down disfavored traffic through their servers.

—Victoria Baker, New Orleans, LA

No one should have the ability to control our national debate at this level, and there may be a point of no return in this process.

—Dan Malooly, Morrison, IL

Do not get rid of net neutrality! Keep free speech, and keep the big corporations at bay!

—Gordon Harmon, Fruita, CO

let's not add more discrimination against those disadvantaged!

—Caroline Robinson, Mill Valley, CA

It goes without saying!! No monopoly!! It's a no brainer! How can one possibly think this will benefit anything other than executives pocketbooks?

—Katie Yates, San Jose, CA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is important in order to speak freely online. If a source came up that was exercising his rights could then be filtered out by someone who pays ISPs enough. There are not checks and balances in this situation and it needs to be revised. Regards

—CJ Brown, Roseville, CA

I hate stealing my thoughts - and later they will be abused against me...

—Geir Erik Larsen, Tromsø,

Protect my 1st amendment rights!

—Michael Huarachi, NEW YORK, NY

Don't be on the wrong side of history. Be on the right side, and support ACTUAL net neutrality.

—Colby Skeggs, Portland, OR

You cannot allow the public internet to allowed for businesses only. We pour way too much of our taxes into the grid and it is not worth getting pennies back!!!

—Richard W. Thrower, Spokane, WA

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—Richard Thrower, Spokane Valley, WA

It's only fair. Anything less would be an injustice to the consumers.

—Tiffany, Columbus, GA

are you serious enough is enough. FUCK At&T comcast etc. Keep net neutrality! Stop letting yourself be bought & pressured by Big business

—Frank Estes, peoria, AZ

I'M ALREADY IN THE SLOW LANE WITH A DIAL-UP CONNECTION. I DON'T NEED A CORPORATE GATEKEEPER SLOWING MY ACCESS FURTHER OR DENYING IT ALTOGETHER. THE INTERNET IS A COMMUNICATION TOOL AND ISP'S NEED TO BE CLASSIFIED AS "COMMON CARRIERS".

—Kiwibob Glanzman, Seattle, WA

Please protect net neutrality. I want equal access to all information, products and companies at equal speeds. Especially the ones that don't have money. This is important on so many levels culturally, socially and morally.

—Nyxi Ires, Boulder, CO

I like the internet free and full of cats and not jerks

—Incee Netinai, Pensacola, FL

Why are the rich so consumed with getting richer all the time, & thinking the hell with the rest of us?

—M/M Harry Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA

The Internet is an important medium available to everyone with a good library nearby. Just because It COULD be reconfigured to make big money for the 98% does NOT mean that it SHOULD HAPPEN. more money for rich people and organizations who seem increasingly in control of the "debate," does mean it would be fair. It would not.

—Ruth Scheidler, Coldwater, MI

Corporate interests should not dictate individuals' rights and freedoms anywhere in our daily lives.

—Matthew Andrews, Niantic, CT

We need to keep the internet's freedom just as it is right now.

—Peter Podlovics, Szigethalom,

Keep the playing field level for American entrepreneurship !

—Roy Allen Wright, Orange, NH

I use the internet to keep up with politics and environmental issues. This makes me very unpopular with the Tea Party GOP in my county. Being knowledgeable is not something they appreciate. Without a free internet, we could easily lose more of the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution and The Bill of Rights. Knowledge and open communication is the best defense for our country.

—Barbara Holcomb, Cadmus, MI

you're making a big mistake!

—Justin Francis, Twickenham,

reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Fri Hyland, Simi Valley, CA

At this point, internet access constitutes a basic utility. It is no longer a new-fangled premium option the way it may have been in the Nineties. By limiting and commodifying access to this (unlimited, inexhaustible) resource, the FCC would be putting a serious hamper on the way Americans go about their lives; for business, for communication, for entertainment, we rely on the internet as part of our daily lives. I understand that the ISPs who are pushing this change would make a fortune this way, but you could also make a fortune by monopolizing gasoline, or paper, or water. As a federal organization, the FCC has an obligation to the American populace to be unbiased in its decisions and to represent as wide a majority of us as possible, not to be beholden to an extremely small minority, however loud and wealthy they may be.

—Ian Mitchell, Edmonds, WA

We should all be treated equally with the right to content access and privacy. Corporations have bought enough power they do not need to gain any more to control us or become more greedy. Leave the internet alone so we can all benefit equally.

—Marilyn McClelland, Fanny Bay,

As a small business owner, my main concern, besides this proposal being completely unethical, is the effect it will have on technology companies and start-ups. The rising costs of starting and running a business in this country grow every day. Having options for online services to help run those businesses is crucial to keeping costs low. Putting limitations and extra costs on businesses that provide us with those services will put limitations and extra costs on our businesses as well. On the flip-side, you are discouraging entrepreneurs from starting businesses in fields where bandwidth is life blood and in order to provide those services they need to be able to pay reasonable fees to compete with existing larger organizations. Lastly, you're giving unnecessary power to corporations that are already barely regulated. Please do your job and look out for the best interests of the American people.

—Mike Graham, Morristown, NJ

The net is our best defence against the criminality that dominates governments throughout the world. This criminality is fueled by the lobbying of big corporations. The FCC must find the courage to resist it: reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.

—Vic Norris, BOIS GUILLAUME,

Without net neutrality there will be discrimination throughout the internet. The little guy will be left behind while the corporations will take over. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is open to all and that is what makes it great. To take that away would deter it's development.

—Delana Gray, Willow Grove, PA

stop big money from ruling the internet. The internet is the most important means for obtaining knowledge, information & allowing the 99% access to means that counteract the extreme power of the 1%. Why try to change (fix) the internet--it's not broken.

—Adele Richman, Walnut Creek, CA

This will not stand. Every one deserves a fair shake, and this law is unequivocally in favor of the powerful and the wealthy. Stop this now.

—Joe Edwards, Covina, CA

Net neutrality is not an option, or a luxury. Without it, there is no hope for democracy.

—Joseph H. Rowe, Georgetown, TX

With no net neutrality There will be less room (if any) for the little guy. The Internet is not just for the big corporations. Don't take away the little guy's voice.

—Pontus, Gothenburg,

Corporations are not people. Protect people's rights.

—Peterson Peter, Mumbai, NY

Net neutrality is important for democracy to exist.

—Terri David, Venice, FL

It's time to break up the Internet service providers into dozens -- or hundreds -- of small regional companies that will have to compete against one another for customers by providing the best service, and not by simply bribing government officials and political parties. The fact that Tom Wheeler is FCC chairman is a disgrace. The president and his White House team should be ashamed of themselves for putting the cable and telecommunication industry's top lobbyist in charge of the Federal Communications Commission.

—Edgar Meza, Granada Hills, CA

Net Neutrality must remain intact. The system is not broken and does not need to be fixed or changed in order to increase the profits of monopolistic cable and telecommunications companies to the detriment of American consumers. It's time to break up the Internet service providers into dozens -- or hundreds -- of small regional companies that will have to compete against one another for customers by providing the best service, and not by simply bribing government officials and political parties. The fact that Tom Wheeler is FCC chairman is a disgrace. The president and his White House should be ashamed of themselves for putting the cable and telecommunication industry's top lobbyist in charge of the Federal Communications Commission.

—Edgar Meza, Granada Hills, CA

Net neutrality protects consumers and keeps the internet open to innovation. Don't cave in to special interest groups. Protect the internet and consumers.

—Robert Parlett, Endwell, NY

IF IT ISN'T BROKEN, DON'T "FIX" IT.

—Juan A. Zamarripa, LOS ANGELES, CA

The internet has become such an obligatory part of the lives of most of the world, it is essential that it remain fairly available. The proposed plan will ensure just the opposite. There is no justification for the move beyond giving propriety to selected companies and individuals. This is not the internet people want or deserve.

—Emily Stallings, Asheville, NC

Please scuttle your planned rules and make the internet open and even ground for all by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Walter Zurko, Wooster, OH

I do not want to be relegated to the "slow lane", just because I don't have big bucks, so cannot afford to "pay to play"!

—Janet Borelli, Lakewood, OH

The Internet is a tool of freedom of speech for everyone, a vehicle of world human understanding and ideas. Hand it over to profiteers, and soon the only voices will be of the rich who can afford to buy into the plans. Stop this. Please do not proceed with the proposed rule changes.

—Frances Webb, Tallahassee, FL

What can I say to the FCC when it is headed by a corporate lobbyist? It seems rather pointless to even attempt to reason with you. You are supposed to be protecting the interests of human beings when in fact you are protecting the interests of corporate monopolies. You should be working for me and for all Americans, but you are in fact bought and paid for by a few corporations. It's a done deal as far as you are concerned, isn't it? But be forewarned. That additional wait time that you will force upon us as we wait for a website to upload will remind us over and over again how corrupt you are and will give us a little time to meditate on what to do about it. So thank you for that.

—Daphne Calvo, Jackson Heights, NY

i do not want to be chained by big fat corporations to control my access to net. they should not be given more power.

—Dinmani Savla, mountain view, CA

Because we have rights and not every thing in the entire world has to be based on greed...pure and simple greed! That's all this is!

—Nicole Webster, Norfolk, VA

You need to protect net neutrality. We can't let bit corporations take over our internet.

—Zorina Weber, Montclair, NJ

The net is one of the few places left where American citizens still have access to free speech and free access to all sorts of information and opinions. Corporations and the mega rich control most of our other media: television, newspapers, cable, radio stations. They heavily influence our political process and are destroying the American dream. Information is power. A free neutral net is one of our few remaining paths to maintain our freedom and reclaim our political power.

—Paula Millet, Baltimore, MD

The arguments "for" the end of Net Neutrality are simple... greed. Please do not allow any further online discrimination!

—Rose Diaz, Fayetteville, AR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be considered infrastructure, not a profit center.

—Jerry Brees, Marysville, WA

Everyone should have equal access to an equal (and open) Internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sara Lerner, Flemington, NJ

Please do not allow the monopolizing large corporations the power to discriminate. Tell Tom Wheeler: act in a way which better serves the people of this country or face resignation.

—Scott Hackney, Winston-Salem, NC

Free and accessible internet has become as integral to society as telephone and television communication and should be open and available to all citizens, without unfair taxes and restrictions by monopolies.

—Josephine Monaco, Delhi, NY

Please reclassify ISP as common carriers to keep the net neutral.

—gurudaya khalsa, Santa Cruz, NM

Reclassify the Internet as a public utility

—Earl G Bley Jr, Aurora, IL

the internet should not be controlled by anyone.....throw out the FCC rules proposal and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—John Holder, Roswell, GA

I refuse to drink corporate koolaid. No net neutrality? No net at all is better.

—Patsy Shafchuk, New Port Richey, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me, as it helps prevent cable companies from screwing me and robbing me blind.

—G Moritz, Schaumburg, IL

Please keep the Net neutral. New proposed rules would allow big companies to have more control than smaller ones. Dollars should not determine what is allowed. I am tired of the rich and powerful determining how everything works. I am sick of comcast and it's monopoly. Their service is not better, not more consumer friendly. They have made it so I must PAY to ask a question to solve a problem with their service or ask about a fee charge with no explanation. I want more competition not less and better service for the individual not worse. Keep the Net neutral.

—Carol D Cotter, Lebanon, NH

Net neutrality is a matter of free speech. When corporations are allowed to control speed and access, they effectively control who and what can effectively communicate. It is the job of the FCC to make sure that the rights of individuals are protected, not corporations.

—Curtis Eckstein, Green Bay, WI

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. My fear is your proposal will significantly impact the American dream. Everyone should have the same ability to start a business online and have anyone, from any place in the world, fair and even access to the website. Place your fellow human beings before profit.

—Michael MacKinnon, Boston, MA

Net neutrality is important because currently the internet represents the only forum in our society that still possesses the possibility of equal achievement. This means that any individual with an idea can implement their concepts through the use of the internet without any large roadblocks. By removing net neutrality, the giant monopolies that have been created in our society by large corporations will also become part of the internet. Another problem with the creation of a new system for large corporations to gain access to fast internet is the fact that the rest of the internet will slow down. Coming from the perspective of a college student, a slower internet represents more problems for the development of ideas and the completion of work. The removal of net neutrality would promote the ignorance of society and the destruction of any type of equality for small businesses or people with ideas.

—Shane Prijatel-Spare, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality NOW!

—Cr, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Corporations' interest is not our interest. If people want to download movies they can pay for a higher bandwidth account. Services like Netflix should not be able to pay for the internet providers to improve their stream. Net Neutrality is critical to the spread of democracy, freedom and equal access to information throughout the world. We need a new rule which truly protects this right for all.

—Mr. Dale Gilman, Beverly Hills, MI

Most important - freedom of information. If this law passes the real worry I have is the provider limiting access to information only they deem acceptable. Aka propaganda on steroids! Please don't pass this bill!

—Nick Arfaras, Southbury, CT

Everyone deserves the right to equality, off and online.

—Merrill H, Harrisonburg, VA

We have enjoyed net neutrality since its inception. There is no reason to change that now except to pander to AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, pure and simple.

—mary Cornick, centennial, CO

It is typical of big business that it wishes to take over a free and readily available facility, as if they had a right to. Their motivation for this is not to benefit the public good but to make money out of it and if this means restricting access to those who cannot afford it, tough. The bottom line is it is not yours to give away, or even regulate, it is ours. The net neutrality we enjoy is one of our most important democratic freedoms, and introducing a two tiered system will be another step along the path to a big brother state.

—John Thompson, manchester,

No advantages for the big spenders.

—Glenn Krakower, Greenfield, WI

Putting Verizon's, Comcast's and AT&T's interests above all is bullshit at it's best. Any person or persons contemplating throwing all of us under the bus should be jerked out of office and placed on a podium in a public place so that we might all show you how much we disapprove of your stupid idea. NET NEUTRALITY WILL BE THE LAW OF THE LAND. Wheeler, go F*** yourself and the people you work for..which certainly is not the vast majority of the population.

—David Linnane, SALISBURY, NH

I am an American citizen. If you take away my freedom to the internet, you will be stifling my ability to learn and grow! This is how I receive my news and current events locally, nationally and worldwide. This is how I stay connected to my family! I have a son in the Airforce stationed in japan! This is the only means of communication! I am low income, I am isolated. I live in a very small town that is 30 miles from the next nearest small town! Population 5,000! You have to drive 65 miles to get to the nearest walmart! I do my shopping online! All my family lives elsewhere! I keep in contact with them online! I NEED internet! Places like this city should have free internet city wide! The internet should stay in public access! It has become a new source of everything! Let me have a chance to see what I can discover about new ways we can use the internet! Or my children! Or their children!

—Lisa Camp, Alpine, TX

I have no need or desire for service providers to gouge users out of more money for something that isn't even really a service, while repressing everyone else's content.

—Vierre Weathersbee, Morrow, GA

I demand true net neutrality because the President promised he would support it, because the internet should be equal for all.

—Chris Velasco, St. Paul, MN

As a New Jerseyan, I have been held under surveillance BY MASS MEDIA since 1987. I know first hand how cartels control the right to free speech for individuals and the right to know for the public. DON'T let this happen to the Net.

—Anne Hiltner, Hightstown, NJ

the internet isnt something that needs changing it is fine the way it is please don't ruin a good thing

—Connor Paull, Redruth,

Please: reclassify ISPs as common carriers--please don't use the new rules.

—Jonathan Dale Walker MD, Fort Wayne, IN

A neutral internet, a level playing field, is important to the free flow of ideas and information that is a hallmark of a free society.

—Gary Albright, s, WA

If it's NOT broken why try to fix it.....We have enough rules and regs already !!!!

—Lynne Hendricks-Carlson, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL

Stop discrimination! The internet should be available for everyone, not just those who can afford to pay for it.

—Ellin Ray, Columbus, OH

Free flow of information - for everyone - is vital to our society. Putting it in the hands of for-short-term-profit corporations would destroy the qualities that makes the internet great. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!

—Frank Lanter, Houston, TX

End cable company monopolies. Preserve our freedom of speech and communication. Allow the internet to be free and equal to all. Don't allow coercion and dominance of the lower socio economic classes. Might does not make right. Absolute power corrupts. Let's get freedom and democracy back in America.

—Linda Badorek, San Juan Capistrano, CA

I understand that we are a country run by the profit motive, and I understand that everyone's entitled to make as much as they can. But this? Please. The small consumer who can't afford to hire mega-lobbyists needs some protection. Please preserve net neutrality.

—Larilyn Pittman, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality levels the playing field. Internet access providers must be declared Common Carriers.

—Ms. Martha Gunnarson, Oxford, MA

What's the problem with reclassifying ISPs as common carriers?

—Juan Altmayer Pizzorno, Wilton, NH

Without it the internet will be destroyed.

—Katherine Gault, Preston,

Total Internet Neutrality is the only thing holding small privately owned businesses together online right now. If you start putting in a bunch of middle-men to access our information, then provide us with a toll-bridge fee, just so we can get things done in our area, or anywhere in the world, you (the FCC) are basically creating a bunch of thugs with goods to sell to dark alley scum in need of a quick fix. Those scum that are Jones-ing for a speedy way to get their information to anyone in the black market will be using these thugs as bookeys and all fingers will be pointed at you (the FCC) and the Government which employed such a foundation. Talk about how much you want to bring back a soldier and never leave anyone behind all you want, but the citizens know exactly what you're up to, and since this is our home, we won't back down.

—Anthony Torres, Salinas, PR

A free and open internet is fundamental to economic competitiveness in the 21st century. With more business being done and livelihoods being earned online, it is unfathomable that the FCC would essentially jam the gears of this engine of present and future prosperity by kowtow-ing to the big cable companies. The sheer idiocy of this decision is only made more understandable by the wheelbarrows ("Wheeler"-barrows?) full of cash being dumped at the FCC's doorstep by the telecom industry. It might be funnier if such an essential part of American life wasn't at stake.

—Matthew Buccelli, Washington, DC

Changing the current Net Neutrality to a two tiered system is a terrible idea due to expanding even further the division between lower and upper income users. It appears to penalize the majority of users with slower internet, giving a few companies even greater control, when the FCC should be doing everything they can to level the playing field. Dale Payne

—Dale Payne, Brighton, MI

To allow the free and open exchange of ideas and information - without ridiculous pricing tiers.

—Michael & Jan LaBrecque, Amissville, VA

As the co-founder of a small tech company, the internet is my lifeblood. If ISPs are allowed to extort businesses for access to bandwidth, it could have a devastating effect on my and other small tech companies.

—Allen Reed Tomlinson, Chattanooga, TN

DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY. Moreover, I think it's time to reclassify ISPs as common carrier. At this point, it's clear that the cable companies are colluding to divvy up territories so they never compete and keep prices high. Now they want to set up tollbooths to impede our ability to get to what we want to on the internet? I am paying for service already. This is ludicrous, and to even consider allowing these tollbooths is even more so.

—Melissa Saltzman, Coloma, MI

These carriers cannot be allowed to create unequal internet pathways. It is absolutely unAmerican! The Internet is a utility, like telephone, gas, and electricity. It is a basic service for ALL people, not just a few. The access must be free and open to ALL. If something online is not open to all, there is a fee charged on the Content Provider's end. That is different than allowing a Service Provider to make ACCESS even more uneven, unequal, and unfair. They are provided with high fees for simple service, and you already allow them to charge for minimum one year or two year contracts. Do NOT let them make the Internet a tool for the wealthiest or clout-heavy only. The Internet is a great educational tool for students from grade school through graduate school. Why would you eliminate access for students whose families or school systems cannot afford so-called "premium" access that is run over the very same cables and signals as "non--premium" access - this is a dirty deal worthy of the decrepit Soviet Union that you are making yourselves party to. It is unconscionable to allow providers who are only signal carriers to restrict access based on so-called premium speed access for more money. That is like putting extra toll bridges on the highways for the road maintenance contractors to collect extra money in addition to what they have already been paid and the state collects. This is a Bad Idea for America and the world!!

—Demetria Nanos, Chicago, IL

No matter what language you couch it in, allowing communication companies to treat internet traffic differently based on paid arrangements is nothing less than legitimized extortion. Please don't be an accessory to crimes against the american people. Treat internet service as the public utility it is.

—David Jacobitz, Phoenixville, PA

Corporations already wield way more power than the average citizen wants. Allowing Internet to providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet is just another way to make everything about the have's and have not's. Enough...Keep the Net Neutral!

—Rachel Onstott, Louisville, KY

Net Neutrality is important for many reasons. It fosters innovation, any one with an idea worth pursuing can implement it and compete in the market. But more importantly, information flowing through the internet should be paid for by the amount of data, not the type of data. Both content providers and content consumers are already paying for their data to be transported. It is just ridiculous that data carriers ask to "prioritize" data depending on type. All they will do is create a false value over nothing. I realize they need to pay for infrastructure, fine, let them price their services according to their needs. Is some content more demanding than other, yes, and it should pay more to carry more data, and it should even pay more if that data needs to be carried in a time sensitive manner. That is all fine. But to have to pay more just to have access to the "fast" lane is just full of nonsense and is ripe for all sorts of future complications and corruption. No, just keep it simple. Charge fair prices to transport bits from here to there in a timely fashion, and that is it.

—Jose Vazquez, Vienna, VA

As a member of the public, I'm formally requesting you stop molesting us at every turn. You kill net neutrality, you kill the internet along with this generations free speech.

—Kadn Butler, Clarksville, TN

STOP THIS BS. KEEP THE NET NEUTRALITY !!!!!

—Luiz Paulo, Miami, FL

Net neutrality is why the internet is so awesome. Openness is something that everyone takes for granted, its too bad most people don't know what it is. Please protect the internet prevent the big corporations from controlling the internet taking advantage of people.

—Hunter Hills, Solon, IA

We are all sick of the government trying to run our lives and our freedoms.

—Lynn Tyler, Odessa, FL

Having equal access to content. Having equal access to services, even those that are free. To allow all people to communicate without risk of being limited. And I just don't trust the cable companies to not purposefully slow down internet access for companies like they did with Netflix.

—Andrew Malovrh, Winona, MN

Net Neutrality is critical to maintaining an open Internet for freedom and competition.

—Matthew A Koch, Boulder, CO

This is horrible. You're screwing small businesses and/or individuals with websites over hard. Please don't do this.

—Matthew Kaufer, Vienna, VA

Cable companies have a history of fleecing their customers with high prices and not giving their customers enough options. A "fast track" lane gives them a legal way to create an internet class system. I am completely against this. I believe that Internet is a Public utility and should be classified as such.

—Swati Srivastava, Playa Del Rey, CA

I want to have access to all information available on the internet, not just those who pay for the privilege.

—Kathleen Bentley, Baltimore, MD

Net neutrality is the key to a democratic internet. If only wealthy people or companies are able to afford fast internet, the average user loses. In addition providers (who are monopolies) would be able to squeeze out competition or any person or company they want by not providing faster internet access. Please don't allow "Internet Fast Lanes" that put the rest of us in the slow lane.

—Miles Hickok, Hinesburg, VT

A free democracy needs a free, equal Internet without bias and censorship! Keep the Net neutral and equally accessible for all people!

—Brandon Bryn, Berwyn Heights, MD

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. It stimulates ISP competition, which is very important in a capitalist society. It helps prevent unfair pricing practices, and drives entrepreneurship. It promotes innovation, and protects free speech. I should not have to be telling you this--net neutrality is a key foundation upon which the internet was built, and should be protected at all costs!

—Cheryl Anderson, New Albany, IN

Net Neutrality is extraordinarily important for American society. Removing net neutrality will stifle America's exemplary ability to innovate - one of its most prized and core competencies. Net Neutrality benefits the few at the expense of the most, contributing toward the erosion of the American Dream. Net Neutrality is integral toward America's well-being, and this is the exact reason why it needs to be protected.

—Raymond Edgerly, Manchester, MI

Keep it common carrier!

—Mr. Brian McCulloch, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is crucial to innovation in this country and that is why it's important to me. Discrimination is discrimination. Period. Whether it takes place in schools or online, it's discrimination. Limiting content and education based on someone's ability to pay extra fees or not ...is discrimination at it's finest. The internet is amazing because it gives access to tools and content for education that would otherwise be unavailable to many people. Take Jack Andraka, the kid who invented a test for pancreatic cancer using the internet. His school didn't provide him with the education he needed to invent this life saving tool. The internet did. There is nothing more disgusting then the violation of our constitutional rights. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH...."Restricting the freedom of speech to those who can pay for it abridges freedom of speech. What the FCC is planning on doing is totalitarianism. Last time I checked, I lived in the United States of America, not Nazi Germany.

—Heather Dube, Knoxville, TN

Net Neutrality is democracy. Destroy it and you destroy democracy.

—Jane A. Patrick, Cedarville, OH

It is not up to you to continue to control every issue of our lives. Do me and millions of others and stay out of lives unless it is to our benefit. Because obviously it isn't!!!

—LindaSue Hope, Reno, NV

Yes, this is important from a moral perspective, in that the internet represents the greatest democratizing power technology has ever afforded humanity. I can't ignore, however, that this directly impacts my wallet as a member of the technological workforce. My employer is rapidly rising among the ranks in our industry. If our entrenched, innovation-stifling competition could simply buy their way ahead of us, it would be incredibly discouraging.

—Bruno Torquato, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

ISPs should not have the legal right to control internet speeds. This is a slippery slope that could cause damage to the average American citizen.

—Mr. Scott Volk, San Pedro, CA

Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon have already proven that they put profits before people. If allowed, they will exploit the internet for their interests and only their interests. Keep the internet open and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you, Frank Armato

—Frank Armato, Franklin, NC

I don't want to have to wait for information, that I deem important and at the same time get information quickly that someone else thinks is important to me. I don't want someone else deciding what's important and deserves a higher speed. everything should go at the same speed. The internet should be treated as a utility like the telephone. It should remain a level playing field. If it's not broke, don't fix it.

—Ken McKay, Springfield, MA

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—Philip Walker, Franklin, NC

I believe the proposed Internet rules are discriminatory and compromise the democratic nature of our free and open Internet. This proposed "pay-to-play" model will silence the voices of the many and give preference to the voices of the few with the money and power to assert their influence.

—Dr. Dawn Francis, King of Prussia, PA

The Internet is the true last bastion of free speech and now they want to shut that down in favor of corporate greed.

—Eric Davis, CONCORD, NC

It is not right that after selling everyone on the idea that internet is a free and open place for all, then once we are all used to it being that way, you decide to let the big corporations limit our options for their profit. Don't sell us out.

—Diana Rutherford, Des Moines, WA

Please leave the internet alone.

—Phyllis Brennan, Desert Hot Springs, CA

I demand to keep our democracy safe and free!

—James P Parzino, Surf City, NC

Sirs: just as it is wrong (and I believe someday the supreme court decision will be overturned) to buy elections, I also believe that money SHOULD NOT be able to buy information or the speed of dissemination of information on the Internet. The chairman should be disqualified from participating in this decision. There seems to be an obvious conflict of interest seeing as he was so heavily involved with lobbying for the companies who are so vigorously pursuing to squash net neutrality. Thank You- Gary Fern

—Gary R Fern, Bloomington, IL

Its should not be up to big companies to decide what I can or can not see on the internet. How much money is enough? The internet was made to be free and open. Companies should not charge us more for viewing certain websites, or charge certain internet based services more than any other similar service.

—Kelly Webb, Birmingham, AL

Like nothing else in the past two decades, the Internet has spurred massive growth in our economy and innovation around the world. Please don't allow it to be hobbled in favor of a small short-sighted set of interests.

—Christopher Dellario, Nottingham, NH

Don't punish small companies and we're tired of seeing our leaders being bought.

—Al Martine, Morgantown, WV

Knowledge is power. Poor citizens need more power to get their needs in the face of politicians and corporations. I'm a low-income but educated senior citizen who has slow internet service, but I manage to get the information I need to try to protect the community I live in. Don't create further inequality for citizens who try to take on the greedy folks and improve our country and lives.

—Diane Marks, Bass Lake, CA

Do not kill the Internet.

—Mark Lucas, Ithaca, NY

This goes against everything this country was founded on. The Internet was never intended to be a commodity to be sold and control. Instead it's a place where ideas collide and world peace can be seen. Don't take our freedom and liberty from us, citizens of the USA and of the world. There is no way this cannot violate anti trust and anti monopoly laws. Put Comcast in its place where all other internet providers sit. Equality and fairness.

—Kara Tinney, Lubbock, TX

I have researched this issue and find that anything less than total Net Neutrality will have disastrous effects on the internet. The large media companies already have too much power, too many lobbyists, and too much money. In the long run, any plan to create "tiered" internet access by big media would both be a conflict of interest for the media companies, and would continue what is (at least for this taxpayer) a clearly transparent movement towards a media monopoly by verizon, att and comcast. I am confused, if I and my family and friends can see this trend so clearly, why can't the FCC. I, possibly naively believe that the FCC is meant to protect all the public, not only the shareholders of verizon, att and comcast. I hope I am not wrong in my conviction. I am asking that the FCC reject these new rules and to reclassify the ISP's as common carriers. Sincerely, Robert R. Whiteley

—Robert R. Whiteley, Fairfax, VA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Ryan Pilcher, Chicago, IL

We need to keep the internet free to innovate and compete by preventing corporations from gaining monopoly control. This will be better for us all in the long run.

—Vince Linder, Fenton, MI

Net neutrality is a civil right...do not give in to corporate pressure.....

—Steven Patarini, Old Saybrook, CT

Profit-focused special interests have already been permitted to control and clutter our PUBLIC radio and TV airwaves. The internet is already bogged down by commercial advertising. It is the duty of the FCC to clearly define and maintain ISPs as common carriers.

—Sam Sheffer, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Net Neutrality gives us all an equal voice on an equal playing field, and laws that undermine net neutrality are undemocratic!

—Stacey Faella, Hoboken, NJ

The internet is obviously a communication medium, and should be regulated as such. Please introduce legislation to protect net neutrality, instead of bending to the strong-arm tactics of the interested parties (Verizon, Comcast, TWC, etc...).

—Julian Kingman, Long Grove, IL

Allowing individual entities to decide what they think appropriate for it's customers to view is not Net Neutrality. Do not take away our freedom of choice. A Media Mogal once said " If you control what people hear and see, you control what they think". That is totally wrong and against everything that our fore father's stood for. Do not allow Monopolies to take over the free flow of information on the web.

—Jaime Olson, San Jose, CA

The internet is for everyone. Not just those with money. Keep it fair.

—David Kallechey, Atlanta, GA

Do not destroy what has come to be an essential part of our lives. Huge corporations already own our politicians, they don't need to own the internet.

—Maryann Rose, Orlando, FL

Net neutrality is a foundational principle of the Internet. With out it, innovative new businesses will never be able to succeed. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.

—Benjamin Williams, Hyde Park, MA

A fair, net neutral internet is integral to our democracy.

—Kiersten Feldman, Atlanta, GA

Tell those greedy @\$%^&*!!! at the telecom companies to get their greedy, clawing paws off OUR internet! This action would create a monopoly, stifle new internet businesses and innovation and would stifle our freedom of speech. These new rules would also hurt existing online businesses. Therefore these new rules should not go into effect. Nobody except a wealthy few in the telecom industry want this. Actually listen to the people for once.

—Jonathan P Decker, Baton Rouge, LA

It should be illegal to take some thing that is owned by all and started by us and manipulate it for profit while restricting or eliminating access to the people.

—John Bankston, Tacoma, WA

I support small business in America, the backbone of our economy. We need Net Neutrality in order to assure the net is there for their businesses.

—Deborah Mourey, Rochester, NY

Please protect the interests of the common people. Please take the necessary steps to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.

—Jesse Usow, Tucson, AZ

There are a few things that we need to insure people have access to...healthcare, food & water, knowledge and information. The fact that you, a federally mandated organization, have the power to determine who gets knowledge and information is a powerful position. Stop the greed and keep the net neutral. All people have the right to the same knowledge and information... Your support of the Internet service providers is another example of the Feds on the take and eating from the palms of the lobby. Remember, you are in business because of us. Stop giving the the corporations who already charge too much money for horrible service. Focus your energies on cleaning up this monopolistic mess...

—Jeff Haye, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

By ending net neutrality, you are basically decimating the thousands of small businesses that rely on the internet for their revenue. No one is being helped by this act except for the rich who already have a pocketbook larger than the population of Texas.

—Christopher Warburton, Round Rock, TX

The Internet is free.... for everyone and if you take that away from us then everyone will be sad and bored of not watching youtube or playing games or have social friends

—Randy Neu, Syracuse, NY

Us little guys are getting run over right and left. We need federal agencies to look out for our best interests, and I can hardly think of a domain with a more profound, ubiquitous, and permanent impact than the internet. Please stand up for us. Preserve net neutrality.

—Rachel Curtis, Oklahoma City, OK

I work for an internet startup as a Senior Software Engineer. My livelihood depends on an equal playing field between us and the more established competition. Without a clear and uncompromising Net Neutrality ruling my company would not be able to exist and I would not be able to provide for my family.

—Benjamin Grabkowitz, Holbrook, NY

I look forward to the next auto-generated response from Tom Wheeler thanking me for reaching out and voicing my concerns about net neutrality. Unfortunately I cannot believe that he really is concerned about protecting the open internet, given his endorsement of a two-tiered network and his previous employment record. Tom, if you truly gave a shit about the public opinion, we wouldn't even need to be submitting these comments. But I will submit comments pleading, imploring with you; berating you again and again for as long as I can until the FCC recognises that it cannot completely go against the will of the people.

—Rosemary Fritz Grabowska, Poughkeepsie, NY

"Two-tiered" or "two-lane" internet speeds is a disastrous notion and will only breed monopolies in everything. The result I believe will be the destruction of American values and the American Dream. Everyone needs a chance to succeed, don't allow these billion-dollar corporations to take even more from the American people. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!

—Jessie McGee, New York, NY

Keep your grimy hands off the Internet.

—Robert Gula, NY, NY

We are already at the mercy of the cable & communications conglomerates who charge the most in the industrialized world for broadband while we have some of the slowest speeds. There is admittedly no competition and they need to be regulated like the public utilities they are since there is ONLY 1 OPTION for broadband in every area and people like me in historic neighborhoods can't even use satellite dishes. Please do not give in to their desire to further own communication by fast tracking the sites they like or pay extra and slowing down everyone else. This is critical in the world now that depends on the net to do business in so many ways.

—Camille Ellis Vickers, New Orleans, LA

Internet access should be fair and equal for everyone.

—Melissa Simmons, Cincinnati, OH

It is crucial to the future of humanity.

—Colin Smith-Hammond, Madison, WI

Please do not allow rampant discrimination online. Keep the playing level, not two-tiered. ISP's should be treated like common carriers...which is what they are.

—Melodie Martin, Seattle, WA

Our tax dollars were used to build the infrastructure of the Internet, thus the companies who built it are COMMON CARRIERS. Those carriers now seem to think that the Internet is their own private network to do with as they please, and in doing so destroy Net Neutrality by giving preferential treatment in exchange for money. Unless fiber has been solely paid for by the company using it, then that fiber belongs to everyone who paid those taxes. Telecom companies who are COMMON CARRIERS have no right to prioritize some traffic over any other.

—Carol James, Dundee, OR

We are forced to choose between Comcast or AT&T for our internet, and it's already expensive and not great in quality. Allowing these monopolies to charge more money for their poor service serves no one's interests but theirs. I could not be less interested in lining their pockets for what should be a public utility. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. And it would be nice if we could get standard speeds at fees more in line with the rest of the world, rather than being over-charged for less service!

—Bonnie J Hurliman, Houston, TX

Rule out discrimination on the Internet!

—Carol Vallejo, Stockton, CA

Net neutrality is essential for a fair marketplace and equal internet access for all.

—Carrie Korb, Appleton, WI

For at least 10 years, the monied interests have tried to take control of the net. Yes, there are costs to provide band width, but protect the little consumers who already pay high costs for Internet services.

—Jean Crawford, Santa Fe, NM

Absolutely not. The Internet belongs to the People, All of us, Equally. This 2-tiered internet proposal nonsense is based in greed and will not be tolerated. Corporations have had us all scurrying to serve their bottom lines for far too long and this must end now. Seriously, we've had enough.

—Jc, stonington, CT

Cable is being replaced by streaming content because it is not a subscription model that consumers are happy with. Do not allow internet service providers to recreate the same subscription model on the internet. Protect Net Neutrality and classify the internet as a public utility!

—Adam Kay, New Orleans, LA

Verizon, for one, is more interested in gouging its customers than in providing fast service. There's no objective reason internet prices should be so high in this country and speeds so low.

—David Amundson, Lebanon, PA

The internet is a free public commodity. Americans already pay way too much money for sub par internet speeds when you compare America to other markets. Don't let Comcast lobby \$\$\$ mean more than freedom and equality.

—Tricia Martin, regina,

We need less corporate influence, not more. Keep the internet free, support REAL net neutrality. The internet is a forum for small businesses, entrepreneurs and start up companies. It is a level playing field. It is imperative to keep it this way.

—Wendy Dickinson, North Adams, MA

As an IT professional, I use the web all day every day. To kill Net Neutrality and to create "fast" and "slow" lanes would not only significantly negatively affect both my life and career, but the business operations and viability of my employer, a significant player in the advertising industry. It would effectively end both working from home and freelancing, both very significant staples of the IT industry. You'll break the internet by killing Net Neutrality- don't be stupid. We WANT Net Neutrality. We NEED Net Neutrality. Prevent cable company fu*kery and protect Net Neutrality!

—James Hudson, Boulder, CO

Innovation comes from smaller, nimbler organizations...the kind that can't afford to "buy" access to the internet. We need to preserve access for EVERYBODY.

—Stephanie Brock, Ferndale, MI

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—Brian Porter, Madison, WI

The internet have a profound effect on society and it's a tool that's allowing society to evolve much faster than before. I believe the internet should not be controlled by anyone with certain political views. Interfering with the bandwidth to allow certain companies to have easier reach to users is basically putting other companies in a disadvantage (straightforward logic, you can't make one faster without slowing the other, it is not magic.) This idea is the beginning of allowing the government and politicians to have control over the content that's available on the internet. The idea itself is wrong and should not be accepted out of principles. Please, let the internet be free and not another form of controlled media loaded with certain political views. Have some decency, you won't live forever.

—Ahmed Hassan, Oxford,

Please revise your internet rules, the internet should have full net neutrality and have no "fast" or "slow" lanes.

—Matthew Gossage, Austin, TX

Although the U.S. is not a class-less society, Net Neutrality provides one of the few truly level playing fields where all Americans can participate. A 2-tiered Internet would not only be undemocratic but would also reflect the worst perversion of greed that capitalism condones. Such a system would create improvements for no one except the companies who will directly profit from it. In the best form of a free market, everyone comes away from a transaction feeling satisfied: producers are adequately remunerated, consumers feel that they have received their money's worth, and the world is a better place for all. American ISPs already have enough money and too much political influence. Please do not allow this proposal to become reality.

—Laine A. Scott, LaGrange, GA

Internet connectivity is considered a utility by most people. Five years ago, upon moving into our house, we were given a list of utilities like electric, water, gas, internet. In fact, there are more choices for electricity providers than internet. I am totally in favor of considering internet a utility and regulating service providers' actions as such. Data is data just as kilowatt hours are kilowatt hours; it doesn't matter whether I'm turning on a lamp or a fan, why the quality of service change depending on what content I'm accessing? It doesn't make sense for consumers.

—Austin Sevens, Carrollton, TX

Protecting equal access under the law is a significant part of what central government is FOR.

—Alan Martin, Norcross, GA

Cable, internet and telephone bundles already cost too much when using these mega-corporation's services. Now, we are threatened with turning our internet access into the same model as cable service. I don't think I can justify the cost of having a tiered and bundled internet service charge. This is ridiculous. These behemoth corporations already have too much control and power over our daily lives and too much power to shape and censor what we see and consume in the media. Reclassify the corporations as COMMON CARRIERS!

—Richard Coffey, Concord, CA

Corporations already own the politicians and the judiciary. They are poisoning our air, earth, food, and water. They own the mainstream media. What's left for "We, The People"? A free and open Internet!

—V J link, madison, WI

Hi, I'm writing you today to express my serious concern with the recent actions of the Federal Communications Commission regarding changes in policies that could cause serious monopolistic issues with our current open internet. The internet is one of mankind's greatest accomplishments, and something that should be carefully nurtured and protected. It is one of our most effective platforms of free speech, and that freedom is in danger. Allowing any policies that could cause discrimination, promote monopolies, or hinder innovation would be a grave mistake with the potential of snowballing into monopolistic control of the internet. I, like many, run multiple web based services and rely on an open and fair internet for my livelihood. Please, use your power to protect mankind's freedom.

—Travis P Walter, San Diego, CA

End the unfair markets controlling my internet access. The internet should be regulated like a utility, not communications. We pay high prices for poor service because these companies have bought our government. Net Neutrality is a good start and MUST be preserved if the United States of America is to continue to prosper.

—Margaret Martin, Waukegan, IL

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Kristin Webb, Danvers, MA

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—Jeremy Schlosky, Arvada, CO